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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached drawing sheet reflects the required change to Figure 9 and replaces the original Figure 9. The designation 100 has been added to indicate the sensors.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

Annotated sheet showing changes

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REMARKS

This Amendment and Response is in reply to the subject Office Action dated November 29, 2006. Therefore, the time period for response extends up to and includes February 28, 2007. Claims 1-11 and 13-14 have been amended above. No new matter is entered hereby. The amendments are fully supported by the specification, drawings and claims as originally filed. Claims 1- 14 remain pending in the application. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance.

Drawing Objections

First in the subject Action, the Examiner objected to the drawings. Figure 9 has been amended to designate the sensors 100. Page 8 of the specification has also been amended to include this reference numeral. Applicant respectfully requests that the objection be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Next, the Examiner rejected claims 1-14 as being indefinite. Applicant has amended claims 1-11 and 13-14 substantially as requested by the Examiner. In addition, Applicant has corrected other antecedent basis issues. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

It is noted that none of the amendments are made to overcome an art based rejection. Accordingly, such amendments should not be construed in a limiting manner.

Allowable Subject Matter

Last, the Examiner indicated that claims 1-14 would be allowable if the rejections under §112 were overcome. Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter, as well as his careful review of this application and his suggestions to clarify the claims.

Summary

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution

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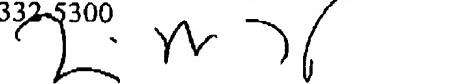
of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.



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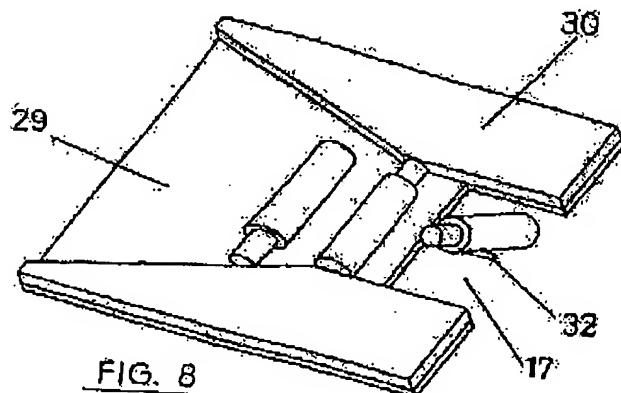
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FIG. 8

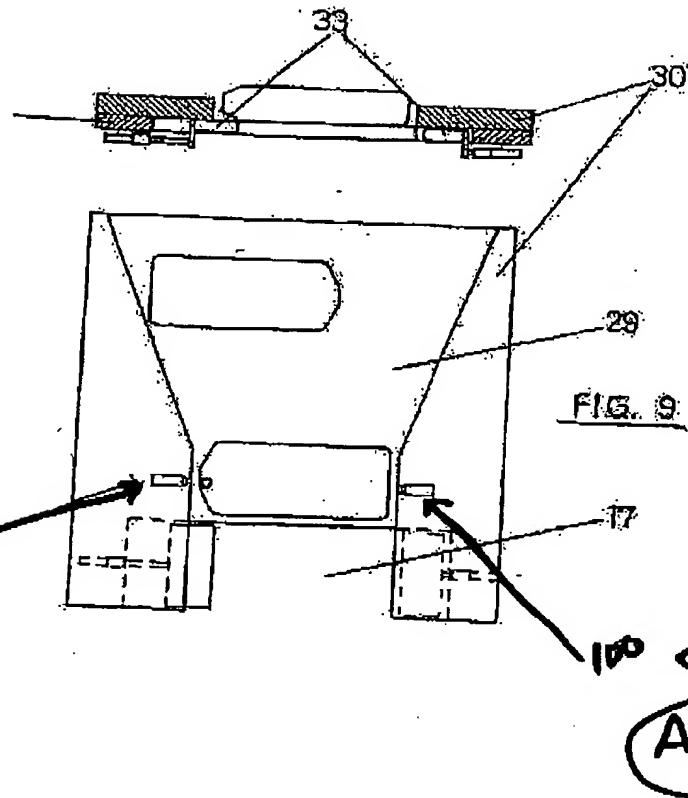


FIG. 9